REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	23 June 2003
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Manukau
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Border Guard Blisterings
Other Known Title(s):	Not Stated
Director(s):	Not Stated
Producer(s):	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	USA
Language(s):	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Border Guard Blisterings	Running Time:	47.32
Trailers:	Czech Brütal	Running Time:	3.06
	Raven Hill Notices		0.21
	Telephone Sex Notice		1.14
		Total Running Time:	52.13

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Border Guard Blisterings* is classified as: Objectionable.

The video recording contains a feature, a trailer and two notices. The feature depicts sadomasochistic activity in a mock military setting. The scenario of the feature revolves around the detention and beating of two women supposedly caught trying to cross a border with illegal drugs. The trailer and one of the notices also revolve around sadomasochistic activity.

The video recording tends to promote and support the use of violence and coercion to compel women to participate in, and submit to, sexual conduct as outlined under s3(2)(b) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). The scenario involves women, detained by military personnel, being threatened with knives and forcefully restrained while they are subjected to sadomasochistic activity and beatings against their will. This occurs in a sexualised context. The video recording presents the use of violence and coercion to force women to submit to sexual conduct as sexually arousing.

The video recording also tends to promote and support the infliction of extreme cruelty as outlined under s3(2)(f) of the FVPC Act. It shows women subjected to extreme cruelty with the infliction of pain and suffering presented in a realistic manner. The publication focuses on the fear, distress, and lack of control of the women and sexualises these elements with the result that the video recording presents the subjecting of women to acts of extreme cruelty as sexually arousing.

As the video recording meets criteria listed in s3(2) of the FVPC Act, it is therefore deemed to be objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this video recording, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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